



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 95-1408-UUU)

In the Application of:)
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Sheppard et al.) Before the Examiner:
) Do, Pensee T.
Serial No. 10/726,337)
) Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: December 2, 2003)
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For: An Affinity Binding-based System)
For Detecting Particulates in a Fluid)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22303-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time to reply to the Official Action dated December 29, 2004. Their response will be due therefore on April 29, 2005.

The signature of Applicant's undersigned representative below authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee. Applicants qualify for Small Entity Status.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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